

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:14-cv-01771-ABJ**

LEOPOLD v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/23/2014  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/23/2014	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-3880511) filed by JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons State, # <u>3</u> Summons USAO, # <u>4</u> Summons USAG)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/23/2014)

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10/23/2014		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (kb) (Entered: 10/23/2014)
10/23/2014	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Consent Form, # <u>2</u> Notice of Consent)(kb) (Entered: 10/23/2014)
11/03/2014	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/29/2014. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/28/2014. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/03/2014)
11/03/2014	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/29/2014. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/03/2014)
11/12/2014	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 11/3/2014 (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/12/2014)
12/01/2014	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/01/2014)
12/02/2014		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant's answer is due on or before December 5, 2014. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/2/2014. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/02/2014)
12/02/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint is now due by 12/5/2014. (jth) (Entered: 12/02/2014)
12/05/2014	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/05/2014)
12/08/2014	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Defendant shall file on or before January 5, 2015 a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule according to which it will complete its production of documents to plaintiff. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/8/2014. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/08/2014)
12/08/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule according to which it will complete its production of documents to plaintiff by 1/5/2015. (jth) (Entered: 12/08/2014)
12/11/2014	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Ryan Steven James on behalf of JASON LEOPOLD (James, Ryan) (Entered: 12/11/2014)
12/29/2014	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Report</i> by DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/29/2014)
12/30/2014		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Report. Defendant shall file on or before January 21, 2015 a report setting forth the schedule according to which it will complete its production of documents to plaintiff. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/30/2014. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/30/2014)
12/31/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Status Report setting forth the schedule according to which it will complete the production of documents to plaintiff is now due by 1/21/2015. (jth) (Entered: 12/31/2014)
01/21/2015	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>RE FOIA Production</i> by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit FOIA Records Request, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Stipulation Re FOIA Processing)(Siple, Adam) (Entered: 01/21/2015)
01/22/2015		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>11</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that: (1) defendant shall process documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA records request on a rolling basis at an average of 700 pages per month; (2) defendant shall provide interim releases of any responsive, non-exempt records to plaintiff on or around the last business day of each month; (3) defendant shall provide the first interim release of

		responsive, non-exempt records to plaintiff on or before March 31, 2015; and (4) defendant shall file a report with the Court on the status of the production on or before April 22, 2015, and in 90-day intervals after that date unless otherwise ordered. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/22/2015. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/22/2015)
01/22/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file a Report with the Court on the Status of the Production of Documents by 4/22/2015. (jth) (Entered: 01/22/2015)
04/22/2015	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 04/22/2015)
04/23/2015		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>12</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff on July 21, 2015. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/23/2015. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/23/2015)
04/24/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 7/21/2015. (jth) (Entered: 04/24/2015)
07/21/2015	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Re Production of Documents</i> by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 07/21/2015)
07/22/2015		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>13</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff on October 19, 2015. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/22/2015. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/22/2015)
07/23/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 10/19/2015. (jth) (Entered: 07/23/2015)
10/19/2015	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 10/19/2015)
10/20/2015		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>14</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff on November 30, 2015. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/20/2015. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/20/2015)
10/20/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 11/30/2015. (jth) (Entered: 10/20/2015)
11/30/2015	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 11/30/2015)
12/01/2015		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>15</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff on December 30, 2015. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/1/2015. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/01/2015)
12/01/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 12/30/2015. (jth) (Entered: 12/01/2015)
12/30/2015	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/30/2015)
01/04/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>16</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff on or before March 31, 2016. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/4/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/04/2016)
01/04/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/31/2016. (tb) (Entered: 01/04/2016)
02/26/2016	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Produce FOIA Records</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Siple, Adam) (Entered: 02/26/2016)
02/26/2016		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall make its next production of documents to plaintiff on or before March 4, 2016. Signed by

		Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 2/26/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 02/26/2016)
03/31/2016	<u>18</u>	Quarterly STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 03/31/2016)
04/01/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>18</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by June 30, 2016. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/1/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/01/2016)
04/05/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 6/30/2016. (jth) (Entered: 04/05/2016)
06/30/2016	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 06/30/2016)
07/07/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>19</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by September 30, 2016. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/7/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/07/2016)
07/07/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 9/30/2016. (jth) (Entered: 07/07/2016)
09/30/2016	<u>20</u>	Quarterly STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 09/30/2016)
10/04/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's status report <u>20</u> , it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by December 22, 2016. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/4/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/04/2016)
12/22/2016	<u>21</u>	Quarterly STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/22/2016)
12/23/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>21</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by March 30, 2017. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/23/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/23/2016)
12/28/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 3/30/2017. (jth) (Entered: 12/28/2016)
03/30/2017	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 03/30/2017)
03/30/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>22</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by June 30, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/30/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 03/30/2017)
03/31/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to file another Status Report on the Production of Documents to Plaintiff by 6/30/2017. (jth) (Entered: 03/31/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
07/03/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>23</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by September 29, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/3/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/03/2017)
09/29/2017	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 09/29/2017)
10/02/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>24</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by December 29, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/2/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/02/2017)

12/29/2017	<u>25</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 12/29/2017)
01/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>25</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by March 30, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/2/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/02/2018)
01/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report of production of documents due by 3/30/2018. (tb) (Entered: 01/03/2018)
03/30/2018	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 03/30/2018)
04/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>26</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by June 29, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/3/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>27</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>27</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant shall file another report on the status of the production of documents to plaintiff by September 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/2/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Siple, Adam) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The government must file another status report by December 31, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/01/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>29</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Marcia Kay Sowles on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Adam Siple (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>30</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay re Order, Set Deadlines, Order,,, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>30</u> Motion to Stay. Defendant must notify the Court within two business days of the resumption of government operations and propose a revised schedule for the production of documents and filing of a status report, if necessary, at that time. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/28/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/29/2019	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Restoration of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's notice <u>31</u> , the Court's December 28, 2018 minute order granting a stay of this case is hereby lifted. It is ORDERED that defendant will complete the production scheduled for December 31, 2018 by January 31, 2019. Defendant must also submit a status report on January 31, 2019. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/29/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>32</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by May 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/31/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
05/01/2019	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 05/01/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by July 30, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/2/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/02/2019)

07/30/2019	<u>34</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must file another status report by October 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/30/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
10/01/2019	<u>35</u>	Quarterly STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 10/01/2019)